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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : John William BAILLIE-HAMILTON  
Serial no. :  
Filed : with an effective filing date of  
For : LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE AND ARRAYS  
THEREOF  
Docket : ROCKCO P39AUS

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel original claims 1 - 37, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, in favor of new claims 38 - 72 as follows.

38. A light outputting device comprising:  
a containment for housing an element for emitting light, the containment having a longitudinal axis and a width transverse of the longitudinal axis;  
a light conducting element extending axially from the containment and having an axial length substantially greater than the transverse width; the light conducting element being aligned co-axially with the element for emitting light in the containment by means of the containment or an extension thereof; the width of the light conducting element being similar to the transverse width; and the light conducting element having a light input region whereby light generated by the element is enabled to pass axially into the light conducting element.

39. The light outputting device according to claim 38, wherein the containment or an extension thereof serves to locate the element for emitting light closer to the light input region of the, or each, light conducting element than to the major part of the containment remote from the light input region or regions.

40. The light outputting device according to claim 38, further incorporating a reflector